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SUBJECT: FOURTH COURT SESSION OF HAN-SUNG-HON TRIAL

1. SEOUL DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURT PRESIDED OVER BY JUDGE YI YONG-SOM HELD FOURTH SESSION OF LAWYER HAN SUNG-HON'S TRIAL FOR VIOLATION OF ANIT-COMMUNIST LAW ON MORNING OF JUNE 19.

2. SESSION WAS PRINCIPALLY TAKEN UP BY TESTIMONY OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES WHO SAID THAT ON READING LAWYER HAN'S ESSAY "A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE" AND HAVING DELVED INTO BACKGROUND OF STORY OF TRIAL AND EXECUTION OF "ESPIONAGE AGENT" KIM KYU-NAM, THEY HAD CONCLUDED THAT HAN HAD SOUGHT TO DISCREDIT TRIAL AND DEFEND KIM.

3. DEFENDENT HAN, IN TURN, OBJECTED TO PROSECUTION'S PRESENTATION OF HIS ESSAY AS "RESISTANCE LITERATURE" AND CHARGED THAT SUCH PRESENTATION WAS PREJUDICIAL TO HIS CASE.

4. DATE FOR NEXT COURT SESSION HAS BEEN SET  
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